

BOERS CLAIM A VICTORY.

General Gatacre Believed to Have Been Defeated Again.

English Loth to Believe It,

But the Report Fills Them With Apprehensions --Colonel Plumer Beset With Trouble in Trying to Reach Mafeking.

Special by Associated Press.
London, March 22.—A dispatch from Kroonstadt brings on the startling information that the Boers, commanded by General Olivier, have engaged the British troops under General Gatacre in the vicinity of Bethulie, repulsing the British with heavy loss and capturing many. The Burghers are arriving here in great numbers. General Dewet arrived to-day. Desultory fighting with Colonel Plumer's column has occurred near Gaberones.

ASSISTANCE CAME And Prevented the British Troops From Being Annihilated.

Lobatsi, March 16.—The Boers, under commandant Snyman are advancing in force from Mafeking towards Lobatsi. Col. Boddie made a reconnaissance on March 13, and found 17th and 18th regiments occupied by the Boers. He returned to Goode'siding and made a demonstration on March 14. He found the Boers in strength at a sharp curve on the railway. They had mounted a gun on the line and were waiting in wait for the construction train.

Back firing occurred a few miles south of Lobatsi on the morning of the 15th. The Boers' Maxim was fired. Col. Boddie came in touch with the Boers just in time to prevent the camp being surprised. The Boers attacked the advance party and captured a few boxes of ammunition and nearly secured a Maxim. Lieut. Tiler was killed and Lieut. Chapman captured. Col. Boddie coming up, put the Boers to flight with a heavy loss. The Boers yesterday were within a few miles of Lobatsi. Yesterday afternoon the Boers pressed closely on Col. Plumer's main camp and kept up a hot fire with a Maxim, killing one white man and one native. They placed the Maxim and a 12½-pounder on a hill on the east side of the line, four thousand yards from camp. The British right is protected by Chief Bathin who has warned the Boers not to enter his territory. Col. Plumer's present endeavor is to insure the safety of the railway north of Lobatsi and watch well the left flank. It is probable that before the Boers retire towards Pretoria they will tackle Rhodesians in force.

It is reported that the Burghers are abandoning the environs of Mafeking, leaving only a sufficient number of artillery to man the big guns. Usual Mafeking dispatches are overdone, but no anxiety is felt on that score. Dynamite explosions, wrecking railways are proceeding south of Lobatsi.

"BOSS" SAYS That Many Burghers are Anxious to Surrender.

London, March 22.—Lord Roberts telegraphs from Bloemfontein under date of March 21, as follows: "So many Burghers have expressed a desire to surrender under the terms of the last proclamation that I have sent small columns in various directions to register their names and take over their arms. Scots Guards are at

Edenburg and Reddersburg. General Clements' brigade is marching hither by way of Philippopolis and Fauresmith."

BRITISH REFUSE To Believe the Bad News of Gatacre's Defeat.

London, March 22.—The report of General Gatacre's defeat by the Boers is not believed here. The last reports placed General Gatacre about 20 miles north of Bethulie, where the Boer report says he was defeated.

BURNED THE TOWN And Took up a Strong Position on the Hills With 5,000 Men.

London, March 22.—The reports of skirmishing near Lobatsi, while apparently not indicating any serious loss on Colonel Plumer's columns, cause grave anxiety in regard to his ability to reach Mafeking. Further news from that quarter is anxiously awaited for in the six days that have elapsed since the last messages were sent off serious engagements have occurred, though not of Col. Plumer's seeking. The Boers seem determined not to give up their prey at Mafeking without a fierce struggle.

A special dispatch from Durban says the town of Pomeroy, thirty miles east of Ladysmith, has been burned by the Boers. A British detachment arrived at Pomeroy as the Boers evacuated the place, shelled the Burghers, but they succeeded in taking up a strong position in the hills with a force estimated to number 5,000 men.

SECRET CABLEGRAMS Pass Between President Kruger and the British Government.

London, March 22.—Several telegrams have recently passed between President Kruger and the British government, in addition to the Salisbury-Kruger correspondence already published. The contents of these communications cannot be obtained.

So far as the military situation is concerned, there is practically no change. Lord Roberts is quietly making preparations for the next move. As necessary to a beginning, General Gatacre and Brabant are swiftly moving from point to point in the southern district of the Free State, dispersing or accepting surrender of any remaining Boers, thus ensuring the safety of Lord Roberts' communications before starting toward Pretoria.

A correspondent at Springfontein, describing these movements, says: "General Gatacre is sweeping through the country like a cyclone, with flying columns in all directions. His swiftness and strategy have proved of incalculable value to Lord Roberts."

The rebuilding of the railway bridge at Norval's Point will occupy two

months. The temporary bridge will be completed in about 10 days. Meanwhile supplies are transported by an aerial tramway across the gap. These works necessary delay the providing of supplies for the advance.

Lord Methuen's movements north of Kimberley are believed to be a prelude to the gathering of a column of 20,000 men with Kimberley as a base, to strike eastward from Fourteen Stream into the Transvaal.

The long and anxiously awaited news of the relief of Mafeking has not yet been received. Mr. Schreiner, the Cape premier, has granted the request of the mayor of Cape Town that a public holiday be proclaimed throughout the colony on the relief of Mafeking.

It is reported from Pretoria that a scheme has been arranged for the amalgamation of the Transvaal and the Free State. Kruger will become president of the federated states and Steyn commandant general of the Boer army. The flag will be the same as that of the Transvaal, with an additional orange color.

May Make a Raid. London, March 22.—Expert Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, offers the following suggestion: "It may be a part of the plan of Lord Roberts to make a raid with the mobile force Lord Kitchener is collecting at Prieska through the country beyond the Vaal river, where many Boer parties are scattered and to recover Kuruman from the Boers. Such a raid might be an effective means of helping Colonel Baden-Powell at Mafeking."

Lord Roberts' Speech. Bloemfontein, March 22.—Lord Roberts, while inspecting the naval brigade on the plains outside of the town in the presence of many of the townspeople, addressed the men, thanking them for the excellent work they had done in the course of the campaign. He wished good luck to those who were about to rejoin ship and expressed the hope that the others would be present at the entry into Pretoria.

Mysterious Negotiations. London, March 22.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs: "I have just arrived from Bloemfontein, where I learned that no further movement is probable for three weeks, as negotiations are proceeding. I failed to ascertain the nature of the negotiations, or whether Sir Alfred Milner's departure from Cape Town is connected with them, but I should not be surprised if the war collapsed quickly."

Fight to Be Desperate. Pretoria, March 22.—President Kruger has returned from Kroonstadt. He says the fight in the Free State will be desperate. It is said that the Transvaal government has taken no resolution to destroy mines or property as a last resort.

Transvaalers Trekking. Bloemfontein, March 22.—Four thousand Transvaalers from Colesburg trekked on Saturday and Sunday to the northeast, going by way of the Basutoland border. They will probably be caught at one of the passes.

Wanted in Cuba. New York, March 22.—Clarence Mayer, who was arrested here on complaint of the Havana police, and who is said to be a fugitive from the island of Cuba, was arraigned in court and held in \$2,500 bail pending the hearing in his case. Mayer is charged with having raised a check from \$25 to \$2,500. His counsel maintained that there was no extradition treaty between the United States and Cuba.

Evidence of Murder. Jefferson, N. C., March 22.—The half charred remains of Cassie Brown, a young woman, were found in the woods near here. There was evidence that she had been murdered and Harvey Jackson, John Jackson, J. T. Steen and Ben Jackson, all white, have been arrested as suspects.

DEAD IN A CHAIR Was Found a Toledo Attorney, With a Bullet Hole in His Head.

Toledo, O., March 22.—Colonel Henry S. Duncker, a prominent and widely known attorney, was found dead in his office. Behind his chair and to his right lay a revolver, a bullet from which had entered his head at the base of his brain. A physician announced that the death wound could not have been self-inflicted, but as powder stains were found on fingers of both hands, he had apparently guided the muzzle of the pistol to the most vital spot. The dead man was a veteran of the civil war and was prominent in G. A. R., Masonic and Ohio National guard circles. It is stated that he was embarrassed financially, but not to a large extent.

An American Defeat Paris, March 22.—The intrastate giant has a telegram received from Agoncillo, Aguinaldo's envoy, announcing that the Filipino general, Pavia, had routed the Americans near Cubai and taken the town.

GRAVE

Fears of a Clash

Between the Two Factions at Frankfort, Ky.

Guns and Ammunition

Stored Near the Jail in Case an Outbreak Occurs.

Mountaineers are Reported Making Ar- rangements to Attend the Trial and May Make an Effort to Release the Two Prisoners.

Special by Associated Press.
Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—A large consignment of guns and ammunition was received here to-day and stored in buildings adjacent to the jail. This action was taken on account of the talk that armed bodies of men from the mountain countries might come here to the preliminary trials to-morrow, accompanied by hints that an attempt might also be made to rescue the prisoners. Adjutant General Castleman spent the night here and after a conference with Gov. Beckham returned to Louisville to-day.

An authorized statement on behalf of Colonel David G. Colson was given this morning in which it is stated that he knows nothing of the alleged confession of E. W. Golden or Barry Howard. Gov. Beckham has issued orders to various companies of the state guard to report here to-night for the purpose of protecting the court house and jail during the examining trials of Powers and others. Assistant Adjutant General Murray is in Lexington to-day and is said to have carried orders to Longmire's company. It is understood that companies from Louisville and also from the third regiment in southern and western Kentucky are among the troops ordered out. Beckham's orders were issued secretly after a conference with General Castleman last night and it is not known whether or not Governor Taylor will order his troops to go to the court house also. If he should take similar action a clash is feared. A telegram from a town in the mountain section says that many friends of Powers and Colson are organizing to come here to-morrow to attend the trials.

Guarding Against the Plague. San Francisco, March 22.—Although there has been no authentic case of plague discovered in San Francisco, the municipal department is taking every precaution to guard against its introduction and a large force of men was set to work to hunt out disease-breeding spots and have them cleaned. Three deaths among Chinese are being investigated, but so far nothing has developed to lead to the belief that the deceased men died of the black fever.

Plan of Nationalists. London, March 22.—At a meeting of Irish Nationalist members of the house of commons, John Redmond presiding, it was agreed that the Irish communers should not be allowed hereafter to pair either with Liberals or Unionists. This action is a recurrence to the independent attitude of the Irish party under Mr. Parnell's leadership, and is calculated greatly to increase the fighting influence of the organization in parliament.

Theatrical Censorship. Cleveland, O., March 22.—The engagement of Mrs. Langtry, who was billed to open at the Euclid avenue opera house on April 2 in "The Degenerates," has been canceled. The police authorities several days ago announced that a censor would be present at the first performance of "The Degenerates," with full authority to order the curtain rung down should any objectionable thing be said or done on the stage.

To Boost the French Treaty. Chicago, March 22.—The committee of the National Business league met and formulated plans in which the committee hopes business men throughout the country will join to secure a ratification of the French reciprocity treaty. John W. Eba and James Deering were appointed a committee to frame memorial to congress asking immediate and favorable action on the treaty.

Philippine Recruits. New York, March 22.—More than 2,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery recruits left Fort Schuyler and Fort Slocum for Brooklyn, where they will board the transport Sumner, which will sail on Saturday for the Philippines. It is also announced that immediately after their departure, 600 more new recruits will be received at Fort Slocum for a general training.

CULLED

From Today's Roundup

And Concentrated for the Eve- ning's Review.

Brief Notes of Limits: Abroad, Visitors Who Are Here, and of the Day's Happenings.

Miss Velma Fifer, of Ottawa, is visiting friends in the city.

Wm. Bridge and family today removed from north West street to 212 north Park avenue.

Dr. Blattenberg was called to Spencerville this morning, to perform a veterinary surgical operation.

W. C. Simmons returned today to the Soldiers' Home in Sandusky, after a visit with friends in this city.

I. A. Smalley's daughter, Hazel, of the south side, is recovering slowly from an attack of inflammation of the bowels.

J. W. Reilly, assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Insurance Co., went to Delphos this morning to settle up a death claim.

The six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, of 619 north Jackson street, is quite ill, suffering an attack of pneumonia.

Misses Myrtle Myers and Margaret Barger, will entertain their friends this evening at the home of Mrs. Cora Blair, 129 south West street.

Rev. J. G. Neiffer, former pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, is visiting in the city. His coming is mainly due to the illness of one of his old friends, Mrs. J. S. Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collins will leave the first of next week for a visit at New Jerusalem, and from there they will go to Zanesfield to be present at the celebration of the eightieth anniversary of the birth of his brother, Daniel Collins.

TRIAL OF SUSPECTS.

Mountaineers to Swoop Down Upon the Capital of Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., March 22.—The report that special trains would be run from various mountain counties to bring crowds here Friday, the day set for the examining trial of Caleb Powers, John Davis and W. C. Culton, charged with being accessories to the Goebel assassination, caused a stir here. Adjutant General John B. Castleman arrived here in response to a telegram from Governor Beckham calling him here and a conference of the Democratic leaders was held, lasting several hours. The prosecution are expecting Wharton Golden to come here Friday without a summons.

A Nonpartisan Move. Lexington, Ky., March 22.—A meeting was held here attended by leading citizens of this city and surrounding cities. The purpose was to put on foot a non-partisan move, looking towards action to retrieve the lost reputation of Kentucky. A similar move is on foot in Louisville and Covington. It was decided to issue an address to all counties in the state, calling conventions to select delegates April 20 to a state convention to be held in Louisville, April 24.

Golden Retient. Lexington, Ky., March 22.—F. W. Golden is the cynosure of all eyes in the Goebel murder investigation. He left here in a buggy, presumably for Winchester, accompanied only by a detective. He was absolutely inaccessible to outsiders. According to Dr. A. C. Foster and H. M. Steele of London, Ky., who are here, Golden denies having told a portion of what is credited to him.

Not in Hiding. Lexington, March 22.—Judge Robert Fields of Perry county came here from Beattyville, the home of "Tallow" Dick Combs. He went to the barber shop where Combs works and heard Combs say that he was not hiding or in any way trying to avoid arrest; that he was at work every day and would make no attempt to escape if the officers wanted him.

Allies Labor Law. Winnipeg, Man., March 22.—A provisional labor conference has decided to make strong representations to the Dominion government to the wholesale infringement of the alien labor law, especially in British Columbia, where it is claimed, a great effort is being made to drive out trades unions by bringing in Flinn from Minnesota and other western states. Unions all through the Dominion are to unite in an effort to secure as strong legislation in Canada as that in force in the United States.

FIRST

Side Has Rested

And the Defense Puts on Its Star Witness.

Will Endeavor to Show

That the Horrors of Militarism Were Justified.

Idaho's Governor Tells of the Appeals That Were Made for Protection Be- fore the Blowing up of Bunk- er Hill Mine.

Special by Associated Press.

Washington, March 22.—There was unusual interest attached to the Goebel investigation today, as the prosecution after presenting testimony almost uninterruptedly for five weeks closed its case and gave way to the defense. Governor Steunenberg, of Idaho, was the first witness called to rebut the charges which had been made. He read a number of telegrams dated several days prior to the blowing up of the Bunker Hill mine on April 29, and leading up to that event. On April 26, Frederick Burbridge, of Bunker Hill mine, telegraphed that an armed mob had stopped Bunker Hill men from working and calling for protection to property interests. He also read many telegrams to and from the sheriff and others, showing that the steps had been taken to maintain order. The Governor suggested arbitration, but in answer Mr. Burbridge stated that there was nothing to arbitrate and again called for protection. On April 29, the day of the blowing up of the mine, Governor Steunenberg said he received at 10:37 a. m. a dispatch from Mr. Burbridge stating that all of the miners of the Canyon Creek district were coming toward Wardner to menace Bunker Hill men. This was accompanied by another request for protection. At the same time dispatches were received from A. L. Mobler, of the O. B. & N. R. R., first stating that an armed force had taken possession of the railway tracks at Wardner and then at 4 p. m. stating that rioters had set fire to the Bunker Hill mill; that they had placed dynamite under the mill and that it was blown up. Sheriff Young also telegraphed him from Wardner that the mill was blown up and giving the gravity of the situation. At 6 p. m. the Governor said he sent a dispatch to the President calling for federal aid, as Idaho troops were absent in the Philippines. The Governor said he was ill and being unable to go in person, sent representative Bartlett Sinclair to the seat of the disorder. On April 30, Sinclair telegraphed urging the President be dispatched to rush troops from the nearest available post and that martial law be declared. On this information the Governor said, and from his own knowledge of affairs for six years, he proclaimed that a state of insurrection and rebellion existed at the scene of the disturbance. Governor Steunenberg said he cautioned Sinclair not to align himself with either side, employers or employees. Governor Steunenberg then related in detail steps taken to carry out the proclamation. Arrests were made, he said, of those reasonably suspected of complicity in the disturbances.

American Girl in Gold. New York, March 22.—The gold statue of "The American Girl," which is to be exhibited at the Paris exposition, was successfully cast. Miss Maud Adams, the actress, was the model, and Miss Bessie Potter Vonnah was the sculptor. The statue, mounted on its base, will be six feet in height, the figure being of Miss Adams' own height. It weighs 712 pounds and the bullion used is valued at \$187,000. Miss Adams' gown is of the simplest sort. It is a summer dress of chiffon.

Indiana Miners. Terra Haute, Ind., March 22.—The convention of Indiana bituminous miners of district No. 11 adopted several important resolutions. A resolution demanding all operators in the district to recognize the United Mine Workers of America association was unanimously adopted, as were resolutions for doing away with the contract system in all mines and compelling the observance of the weekly wage law.

Jack Fars at the Play. Rouen, France, March 22.—The officers and crew of the United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie, which has been used to transport the United States exhibits for the Paris exposition, were present at a performance of the opera, "Siegfried," at the Theater Des Arts, on the invitation of the municipality.

WOODEN

Wedding Celebration

Is One of the Society Features of the Week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Cunningham, of North Baxter Street, Were Host and Hostess of the Event.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richie entertained the Mibican club last evening in celebration of his birthday anniversary.

Mrs. W. J. Edwards of Harrison avenue, is entertaining friends this afternoon.

The A. O. T. Club enjoyed Mrs. Irving Detwiler's hospitality on Tuesday afternoon at her house on North Metcalf street. Mrs. Howard Gray, Mrs. R. W. Stephens and Mrs. Charles Coulter were also guests.

Yesterday afternoon, Mrs. J. J. Grover entertained the following ladies: Mesdames Levellyn, A. S. Bower, Prophet, J. N. Clizbie, James Leech, G. Snyder, Ed. Palmer, T. West and E. C. Burton in compliment to Mrs. Hyde, who soon leaves for her home in Pa., and also for Mrs. Baynton of west Wayne street, who soon leaves for her future home in Findlay.

Mrs. F. C. McCoy of west Market street, was at home to the Ende Musical Club on Tuesday afternoon. An excellent program and dainty refreshments combined to make the afternoon a success.

A wooden wedding with all its attendant delights, was the occasion for given on Monday evening, by Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Cunningham, of north Baxter street. The table was handsomely appointed and an excellent dinner served to the host and hostess and the following good friends: Mr. and Mrs. Clair Tolan, of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. O. Ramseyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hiner, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Douglass, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cunningham and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stamets.

Miss Irene Friedley welcomed the Zenda Sineh Club, on Tuesday evening.

THE WOMAN

In the Case Will Appear as a Defendant Before the Jury.

Mrs. Maggie McGuire's Case Comes up in Common Pleas Tomorrow—Insane Patient Taken in Charge.

Matters are particularly quiet in common pleas court today, but the jury will return to its labors tomorrow morning for the presentation of the last criminal case to be heard this term. The defendant in this instance is Mrs. Maggie McGuire who was indicted with Wm. Taylor for living in adultery. Taylor was finally disposed of a few days ago, when he was released from jail after being subjected to a fine of \$20 and the cost of his prosecution. A number of witnesses were subpoenaed today by the defendant, who will be represented by J. S. Henderson.

CAUSED BY DRINK. Sheriff Bogart and deputy sheriff, John Bogart drove to Barred this morning and returned with David Jenkins, who is about fifty years-old and he will be held subject to an inquest to determine his condition of mind. Jenkins has been a hard drinker and his present condition is the effect of his own indulgence.

OLGA NETHERSOLE

And Her Company Indicted for Playing "Sapho."

Special by Associated Press.

New York, March 22.—The grand jury to-day reported indictments against Olga Nethersole, then Mrs. Marcus Mayer and Hamilton Newell, charging them with offending the public decency in their production of the play "Sapho."

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courting. When a maiden sees a youth
who she thinks would make a desir-
able husband she forthwith offers him
a stick of sweetmeat. If he accepts her
proposal he at once eats her offering
of affection, and from that moment she
is his wife. No further ceremony is
necessary, and witnesses to the con-
tract are not required. It is in the act
of eating that this primitive marriage
rite consists, says the Baltimore Hor-
ald. Supposing that the youth declines
the offer of the marriage, he does so
by assuring the girl that the sweetmeat
is not to his taste, and the maiden
knows that she must seek elsewhere
for someone who will appreciate the
love which her offering betokens.

Banker Rout A Robber.
J. R. Garrison, Cashier of the bank of
Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of
health by a serious lung trouble until
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Comparative Wealth of Languages.
The English language—according to
a German statistician who has made a
study of the comparative wealth of
languages—heads the list with the
enormous vocabulary of 250,000 words.
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tion to maintain peace. That is the
opinion of the wisest statesman. It is
equally true that to be prepared for
spring is the best way to avoid the
peculiar dangers of the season. This
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eases which are liable to attack a
weakened system.

When Lotteries Were Lawful.
Lotteries were not tabooed in New
England in 1800. The first issue for
the year of the Massachusetts Mercury,
published in Boston, had an "ad" in-
forming the public that "The Dart-
mouth College will positively com-
mence drawing next Friday. Tickets
and quarters may be had of E. Lar-
kin, 47 Cornhill, who will pay prizes
on demand."—Buffalo Commercial.

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for New York state estimates that not
fewer than 40,000 people are injured in
manufacturing industries of this state
yearly.
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will be a keen-sighted advertiser
among your friends for it. Druggists
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The Swazie Chief Dead.
The Swazie Chief Boku must be
dead. The Swazies have the habit of
keeping such news to themselves for at
least a month, and it is more than a
month ago they were looking for a
black ox-hide. Their custom is to sew
up their dead king in such a skin and
place him at the foot of a kopje. Their
chief general is usually killed at the
same time, and his corpse left with
that of the king to keep it company.
Before the body of the king can be in-
terred it has to remain for a month at
the Royal Kraal, where meat is con-
stantly burned to neutralize the in-
evitable odor. It is also rumored that
Bunu's mother and the heir to the
throne have both been poisoned; but
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WILL BE THE PRIDE OF BUCKEYES.
**Pioneer Days of Sturdy Settlers of
the Northwest Territory Will Be
Represented as an Inspira-
tion to the People of
Rising Generation.**

The House of Representatives of the
Ohio General Assembly took action on
the bill to appropriate money from the
state to the expense of the Centennial
Exhibition. It was distinctly under-
stood that no part of this appropriation
would be for the use of any pur-
pose other than to fully represent the
dignity and interests of the State of
Ohio. There was no difference of
opinion among the members of the
house as to the necessity for making
an appropriation. There was some
difference as to the amount to be ap-
propriated. The largest sympathy was
shown by the assemblymen to have the
state completely represented, and a re-
spectable minority of the body thought
that \$500,000 would be sufficient. As
the bill went to the finance committee
an appropriation of \$1,000,000 was
asked. The finance committee struck
out \$1,000,000 and inserted \$500,000. On
the consideration of the report in the
house, an interesting and intelligent
debate took place, in which the needs
were fully discussed. A motion to
strike out \$500,000, and insert \$1,000,000
was offered and by a clear majority of
the house, the motion prevailed. Some
further talk took place, when the pre-
vious question was called, and the bill
as amended by the house making the
appropriation of \$1,000,000 was passed
by a vote of 51 yeas to 50 nays, show-
ing that three-fifths of the members
approved of the larger sum.

There was much good feeling shown
both by the friends and opponents in
the consideration of the bill, and the
entire membership of the body feels
that the success of the Centennial Ex-
hibition is now placed beyond doubt.
Toledo has generously responded to
her duty by far exceeding the expecta-
tions of the residents of that city. She
has performed and is still performing
a wonderful work, and will be enti-
tled to a full share of the credit which
the great event will insure. It will
not do to refer to Toledo as the fifth
city in population and resources and
enterprise in the State of Ohio. It
were better to refer to her as the
young giant of the Maumee, who has
stripped her garments and has buckled
on her armor for a historical, commer-
cial and industrial show that will fitly
represent the respective incidents and
strides which have made Ohio second
to no state in the Union. A century
of years will be as a passing week in
which our people, and those people
who will come within our borders, will
see tradition and history in object les-
son so clearly defined that the common
mind will have complete comprehen-
sion of the grandness and glory of the
State of Ohio.

An Explanatory Interview.
Director General Ryan, on the pas-
sage of the \$1,000,000 appropriation by
the house, in an interview said:
"I have no question whatever as to
the validity of the passage of the cen-
tennial appropriation bill recently.
The bill is declaratory to its nature,
and does not appropriate money; it
therefore can be passed by a majority
of the house. Only such bills which
provide for the payment of money
claims not authorized by pre-existing
law, require a two-thirds vote of the
members of each branch of the Gen-
eral Assembly. This is provided for
in Section 22 of Article 11 of the con-
stitution. The appropriation for the
centennial must follow subsequently
either in the general appropriation bill
or by a special appropriation bill, and
this appropriation bill will only re-
quire a majority vote of the members
of the house, because the bill
as just passed is the pre-existing
law which authorizes the appropri-
ation of one million. The financial sec-
tions of the bill were very carefully
gone over, and we are absolutely sure
of our ground both as to its valid pas-
sage and the constitutionality of the
general act.
"I do not think that there will be
any further opposition to the appro-
priation of one million dollars. I
think the sentiment of the General As-
sembly is such that there is a desire
to have a splendid representation at
the centennial, or none at all. An ap-
propriation of \$500,000 would be an ab-
solute waste of public money. What

I mean by that is that \$500,000 would
produce no results to the state. It
would only make an exposition that
Ohioans would be ashamed of, and if
the forthcoming Centennial can not be
a source of pride and glory to the state,
it had better be abandoned. That has
been my platform from the beginning
—a splendid exhibition or none."

The Centennial of Ohio.
The committee of the senate, to
which the house bill appropriating one
million of dollars to the purpose of
conducting to success "The Ohio and
Northwestern Centennial Exhibition,"
gave the subject immediate and favor-
able consideration, and will report rec-
ommending the passage of the meas-
ure. In a few days it will be a law.
It will then devolve on the General
Assembly to make provision for the
money. That will be covered in the
general appropriation bill, or by a
special appropriation bill. No state
in the west is richer in stable wealth
than is our own great commonwealth.
No people have exemplified the possi-
bilities of development to a larger de-
gree. To the man who is as patient to
history as history is to man, the
grandest opportunity is offered of
teaching to the world the lesson of ad-
vancement by sturdy individual ex-
ertion and combination of communities,
when guided by clear sense of duty and
self-sacrificing courage. From a hand-
ful of people Ohio has grown into four
millions of inhabitants, and that, too,
within the bounds of one hundred
years. When the Declaration of Inde-
pendence was read on the 4th of July,
1776, the entire population of the thir-
teen states had a fraction over three
million of inhabitants. When the cen-
sus returns are made in June next, it
will be shown that the population of
Ohio is larger than was that of the
colonies when they rebelled against
the oppression of Great Britain. Soberly
considered, the growth of Ohio is a
marvel. When we think further that
the increase of inhabitants is the
smaller part of the evidence of our de-
velopment, a future is presented of
startling magnitude and imperish-
able renown. Our advance in art, sci-
ence, general and useful education—
our system of common schools, our
works of charity, in a broad sense, and
our particular study of all means and
ways of alleviating the distress, pro-
viding for the care, and cure of the un-
fortunate, whose infirmities unfit them
to struggle for maintenance, the work
of our people is without comparison in
the history of mankind. Even with
her older and her younger sisters of
the great republic she is without a
peer. The commonwealth deserves a
Centennial. The love, pride and worth
of her people demand that she glorifies
the work of her enterprise, her gener-
osity, her courage and her success. No
flippant enterprise can set forth the
glories. It must be grand, imposing,
complete. Then justice will be done
to those who came first—who sacri-
ficed most, who loved stoutest and
purest, labored hardest and longest,
and thus created the heritage which
we now enjoy. There is but one beacon
in the sky which should attract
our people, and that bears in radiant
light the words "Ohio Centennial." Let
all our eyes grasp the work that is
assigned us to perform, and when the
great event is over, each resident of
the state can say, "I had a part in it.
I aided its success."

It is Most Worthy of Support.
From the action of the house branch
of the General Assembly of Ohio on
Thursday afternoon, the 14th of the
month, it is evident that the state has
determined to put the success of the
"Centennial Exhibition" beyond ques-
tion. All doubts that the enterprise
will be a winner have vanished. It is
worthy of the countenance and sup-
port of our people. The state com-
mends it not only to her citizens, but
to the world at large. The surety is
beyond dispute. The exhibition will
be a fact, and will mark the century
birthday in a manner which no other
ceremony could do. It will be a white
stone to the generations which will
come and go between 1902 and 2002. It
will prove an incentive to every citi-
zen of Ohio to become more worthy of
his citizenship. It will incite in the
minds of mature age reminiscences of
the growth of the commonwealth
which has taken place within his re-
collection. It will carry back the minds
of those who are infirm from age and
labor, to the part they took, in the
early days, in reclaiming the wilder-
ness and making fruitful the lands
from which their forefathers removed
forests. They will remember their
school days in the log school house—
the gatherings at the blacksmiths or
the cobbler's shop—the Saturday
crowds of farmers in the village, where
song and dance or athletic sports con-
sumed the hours, almost stolen from
toil, to enjoy unrestricted freedom, at
the expense of the black eyes, or per-
haps bloody noses. The old fellows
will be boys again, full of story which
will freshen and regale all who hear.
One of the greatest pleasures in life
comes from retrospection. As pioneer
life is told, it will enable those of this
generation to make a full valuation
of the class of men who laid the founda-
tions of prosperity in the state of
Ohio.
The time between now and the open-
ing of the "Centennial Exhibition" can
not be better employed than getting
from the lips of gray haired men and
women, the stories of their early lives.
Learn from them the sacrifices they
have made—the sufferings they en-
dured, the labor they performed, the
courage they showed, the struggles
they made, and the victories they

gained. Let the "Ohio Centennial" be
the subject of discussion in every
household. A year thus spent will
bring reward to those who participate
and do more for the success of the
"Exhibition" than science and art
combined can accomplish. Let a love
feast among our people commence, and
let it be carried forward with the en-
thusiasm of an old-fashioned revival.
Start "Reminiscence Societies" in every
township of every county, and let the
"Buckeyes" wake up as is their wont,
confident that the "Ohio Centennial"
will be worthy of the state, and a fit
memorial from the living to the splen-
did dead who are buried in her glens,
on her hilltops, in her valleys and in
her country churchyards.

The Sister Northwest States.
The liberal appropriation of the
State of Ohio to the Centennial Ex-
hibition is having an excellent effect on
the residents of the states of Indiana,
Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota.
This group forms the sisterhood into
which the great Northwest Territory
was divided. Ohio entered the Union
on Feb. 19, 1803; Indiana on Dec. 11,
1816; Illinois on Dec. 3, 1818; Wiscon-
sin on May 29, 1848, and Minnesota
May 11, 1858. On the last date the
mighty wilderness was gone. In its
stead there were organized society and
instituted commonwealths. The nat-
ural channels of commerce were trav-
ersed by splendid steamboats, and
through lines of railroad were piercing
and reaching out for every nook and
corner of the vast domain. Colleges
and other seats of learning had their
abode in every state, and religion had
its consecrated edifices in almost every
political division in the respective
commonwealths. Rapid as had been
the advance from the beginning of the
nineteenth century to the year 1858, it
was an infant's stride compared to the
development of the last half of that
century. There is not the same amount
of territory on the wide earth, in all
climes, which felt the quickening
pulses of civilization and enlighten-
ment as shown by the great central
states which grew from the Northwest
Territory. The story which tells of
the growth of other lands and other
people seems like a tale of an infant,
whose strength was palsied, and whose
growth was restricted by natural laws.
There is not in their history any ex-
hibition of the mighty impulses,
pressed into intelligent vigor by com-
prehensive effort, and carried to vic-
tory by dauntless courage, as in the
story of Ohio and her sisters of the
great northwest. The storied wealth
of the fields of Goshen, the bleeding
pores of the enriched banks of the
Nile, the smothered soils of luxuriant
tropics, pale and grow poor when com-
pared to the stretches of savannahs,
the rolling prairies, the extended
plains, the wooded forests, the fruitful
lakes and rivers which are part and
all of the Northwest Territory. The
sister states expect to second Ohio in
a proper illustration of the incompar-
able history of the land which human
labor, human intelligence and human
virtue has transformed from the un-
known and unexplored wilderness into
the "granary of the world." The leg-
islatures of the respective states have
not been idle. They have had their
ears to the ground and have heard
every move made by the eldest to-
wards perfecting plans to insure an
exhibition worthy of the incident it
commemorates, and which will do full
credit to fifteen millions of people who
are part and parcel of a former whole,
and who are welded together today by
a community of interests the largest
which can affect bodies of men. The
Ohio senate will act promptly on the
house bill. There will not be any lag-
gering. The people are back of the
exhibition, and they want notice to go
forth broadcast to the world, that the
State of Ohio will give a Centennial
Exhibition.

A Strong Indorsement.
The Ohio house of representatives
has passed the bill allowing \$1,000,000
for the Ohio centennial at Toledo.
The proposition to cut the amount in two
was rejected, after full discussion, in
which convincing reasons for liberality
were presented. The senate now has
the matter in hand, and the prospects
are for prompt ratification of the work
of the house. This is a matter in
which the great state of Ohio can not
afford to be a niggard. If this cele-
brating enterprise is to be carried for-
ward, let it be done in a way that will
be an honor to the great central state
of the Union. It would be better to
abandon the project altogether than to
have it conducted on lines of poverty,
and to abandon it would be an adver-
tisement to the world that Ohio had
been outstripped and was in a decline.
The celebration of a century of life
and progress will be a legitimate sub-
ject of public pride. Every man who
is able to pay taxes, who has been pro-
sperous and happy under our institu-
tions, and who is anxious to see the
state maintain its prestige, will be
eager to pay his small proportion of
the expense of making a liberal ap-
propriation for the centennial. The
pride of Ohio people in their own state,
wherever they may be, is proverbial.
"From Ohio, sir," is the familiar,
proud reply when they are asked
where they hail from; and that is
enough. We are big enough, rich
enough, broad enough, and well
enough educated, to demand of the
legislature the most liberal treatment
of the centennial celebration. Let the
house bill go through as it stands,
Messrs. Senators, and be prompt about
it, and "look pleasant." Let us be
stingy only to unworthy objects.—Cin-
cinnati Enquirer.

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Blood in Horse Flesh.

Some of the Thoroughbreds to be Seen at the Matinee Races.

Lima Driving Club Secures a Lease of the Fair Grounds and Will Give a Series of Events During the Season.

The amusement loving public of Lima is hand and glove with the promoters of the Matinee Driving club and anxiously awaits the dawning of the day when the first of the season's racing events can be pulled off. Well organized and composed of members who have the true spirit, Lima can prepare herself for a series of matinee races during the spring and summer which will only be rivaled by those in the grand circuit. The club has arranged to the satisfaction of the members and the Allen County Agricultural society for the lease of the fair grounds, and as soon as the weather permits the thoroughbreds will be brought from their musty stalls and given a preliminary warming up.

The membership of the club at this time includes D. W. Steiner, J. C. Linneman, J. J. Ewing, J. D. S. Neely, J. M. Seals, J. O. Hoyer, J. C. Musser, A. A. Scott, E. H. Gould, E. Christen, H. J. Dean, J. H. Blattenburg, J. R. Sinclair, J. W. Rowland, P. R. Hoagland, J. W. Griffin, F. E. Baxter, D. J. Cable, C. S. King, T. Sullivan, Frank Sieber, Aaron Fisher, J. D. Jones, D. J. O'Day, J. C. Cronley and T. W. Mitchell.

The club recently organized by the election of the following officers: D. W. Steiner, president; J. W. Rowlands, vice president; J. W. Blattenburg, secretary; F. E. Baxter, treasurer; J. C. Linneman, J. H. Blattenburg and Tom Sullivan, speed ring committee.

Taking the pick from the Allen county stables, as represented by those who have allied themselves with the Driving Club, a splendid showing of superb and speedy horse flesh is made, and the friendly rivalry when the game is on, will profit those who are living in anticipation of what is to come. A hasty summary, gathered at random from such of the members as could be seen, or based on information offered by those acquainted with the situation, the speed ring will introduce for favors the following local horses:

The stable of J. C. Linneman, owner of the Lima Stock farm is headed by Norval, 2:14, by Electioneer.

Another son of Electioneer is found at Siner Bros. Stock farm, at Bluffton, in J. C. Simpson, with a mark of 2:18. A product from the same stable is the promising filly, Sallie Simpson, with a mark, at three years old of 2:21, the last quarter of which was made in 33.

J. H. Blattenburg has a fast trio which includes Maud A, by Kilbuck Tom, a pacing bay mare marked up in 2:25; a three year old brown gelding by J. C. Simpson, and Rilla, gr. m., sired by Pilot Medium.

C. S. King will enter a pacing pair in Kid McCoy, bay gelding, 2:22. His sire, Belshore, has a mark of 2:06. The other pacer is Normanger, a grey gelding with a bright future.

F. H. Gould has Gomarra, a brown gelding, by To Order, 2:12, and has shown a quarter in 34.

J. W. Rowlands has Ishmael, a bay gelding, pacer, that has shown a half in 1:13, and Bessie Russell, a bay filly by Lord Russell, brother of the lamented trotter Maud S.

P. R. Hoagland will drive Hal Onward, a brown colt by Master. This promising pacing youth is a grandson of Brown Hal, the sire of Star Pointer.

H. J. Dean's Jenny D, a bay mare, by Delinco, son of Dictator, ranks in the pacing list.

Another in the same class is T. W. Mitchell's Ima Dawson, brown mare by Jack Dawson. She has seen the real thing in a race and covered a mile in 2:21.

J. C. Cronley has three well bred colts with records to make.

Aaron Fisher has a bay stallion by Alphonso, a youngster in which he takes a pardonable pride.

In the string of J. C. Musser may be mentioned Van Leaf, sorrel stallion, by Lee Van, with a double gait, showing a mark of 2:17 in both trotting and pacing. He has been a mile in 2:12 and can beat 2:15, trotting or pacing, whenever called upon.

Another is Ruby Hughes, bay mare,

by Apple Jack. Mr. Musser expects to put her in a class of pacers this year that will have to beat 2:10.

A fine gelding by Alphonso is owned by F. E. Baxter.

D. J. Cable has a stable of youngsters by Poem, Norval and J. E. Simpson.

Tom Sullivan has three in care of the groom. They are San Juan, Chestnut colt by John L. John Henry Walker, sorrel gelding, pacer by Red Bell, son of Red Wilkes, and Henry R, a bay gelding with a mark of 2:26 which he can better.

A. A. Scott's Red Cedar by McCurdy's Hambletonian has 2:28 to lower.

Oscar Hoyer has a bay filly in Belle Ferris, sired by Bow Bells.

J. J. Ewing will show a well bred match team by American Chief.

A fine pair of match trotters comes from the stable of J. W. Griffin.

Frank Sieber, who recently sold Lee Wilton, son of Wilton, is the owner of Emias S, a bay mare by Homeward.

Several members of the club are contemplating the purchase of other good horses before the season is fairly opened, and the matinee races will assuredly be one of the summer attractions which society will largely patronize. No date has yet been fixed for the first meeting but it is likely to occur during the early part of May.

Tailored Suit Activity.

You'll want the new Tailored Suit for Easter. You'll get a handsomer, bigger stock to pick from right now than you'll get later. Many have already chosen with much satisfaction to themselves. Glad to have you look the stock through.

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ELIDA ITEMS.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Stemen, a girl.

Mr. Ira Morris, of Ohio City, is visiting with his grand-parents Mr. and Mrs. Bechtel.

Mr. John Reedy, of Hocking county, is visiting relatives here. Mr. Samuel Myers will accompany him home and spend a few weeks hunting.

Mrs. G. N. Copus who has been suffering from lung trouble for nearly two years, is growing weaker.

While Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Breneman were visiting at David Culpa, Sunday, their little three year old boy was terribly bitten by their large dog. The child's face was terribly lacerated and Monday morning it was necessary to have the wound dressed by the doctor.

Monday night after conferring the third degree on two candidates the door to the dining room was opened and all the boys enjoyed a good banquet. Bros. Eberman and Laudick, of Lima, Barrett, of Indiana and Stokes, of Honey Run, were in attendance.

Miss Lola May, who has been confined to her bed for several weeks with la grippe, is convalescent.

Miss Gertrude Bumgarner is visiting with her parents at Saratoga, Ind.

For Sale.

Half interest in 160 acre oil lease, Orange township, Hancock Co., O. The wells total production about thirty barrels per day. This lease is surrounded by oil production and is cheap at \$6,000. Address, J. E. WARNER, Oil and Real Estate Broker, Room 18, Opera House Block. 133-tf

NOTICE.

I. O. O. F. Shawnee Rebekah degree staff will meet at the ledge room Friday at 2:30 p. m. Business of the utmost importance must be attended to. EMMA McGUIRE, N. G.

Francis Wilson tonight.

Opening of Wash Waists.

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JOHN HUGHES.

Cousin of M. H. Hughes, of This City, is Dead.

A New Lexington, O., paper contains the following concerning the death of John Hughes, state president of Liquor League and a cousin of M. H. Hughes of north Pine street, this city: "Wednesday afternoon word was passed from mouth to mouth—John Hughes is dead! It spread fast and furious, like a flame. Although it had been daily expected, the sad tidings seemed to come all the sadder to his hosts of friends.

Following the announcement one could hear the words of sympathy on every hand, for to know him was to respect him. Kind, gentle, always with a smile, his kind sympathy extended to his fellow man; and last but not least, his purse strings opened to the poor and needy.

John Hughes was born in Laurickshire, Scotland, forty-nine years ago and came to America in 1872. He was president of the Hibernians of Ohio at the time of his death.

The funeral will take place from St. Augustine's Church, New Straitsville, Saturday morning, March 17th, at 9 o'clock.

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Will Go to Dayton in a Special Car Tomorrow.

The Lima Mystic Shriners have engaged a special coach for the trip to Dayton tomorrow, and will have it hitched on the 9:30 morning train on the C. H. & D. On this train will also be the special coach of the Toledo Shriners, and together they will go to Dayton, to see the Shrine degrees conferred on a number of victims, some of them from Lima. The number who will compose the Lima party, will be about 30.

Ladies, clean your kid gloves with LaBelle glove cleaner; for sale only by Mrs. F. Light, headquarters for kid gloves and sole agent for the famous Voltaire and Melrose gloves in all the leading shades. Gloves fitted and warranted. 5-tf

Francis Wilson tonight.

Getting Rich Quick.

The people who want to know about the latest place for "getting rich quick," should read Prof. Angelo Heilprin's article in the April number of Appleton's Popular Science Monthly. It gives an account of the Cape Nome district in Alaska, which, according to Professor Heilprin, who is a scientist of high standing and whose statements may be depended on, is an extremely promising, if not the most promising of all the Alaskan gold fields. A number of illustrations add much to the interest of the text, and give one an idea of the physical characteristics of the Cape Nome region.

Home Seekers Excursion April 3-17, 1900.

On above dates the Chicago & Erie will sell round trip tickets to the west, northwest and south at very low rates. For selling points, rates, time of trains and etc., apply to F. C. McCOR, Agent.

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Hi Henry Coming.

The first Locomobile to make its appearance in this city, will arrive next Saturday, March 24th, the day Hi Henry's famous minstrels appear at Fairport opera house. This horseless carriage will be used in the grand street parade at noon, when Hi Henry and his famous military band of fort soloist will make the swiftest parade ever seen in Lima. At 7 p. m. in front of the opera house, this famous band will give a grand classic concert. A bargain matinee will be given Saturday. Children 15c, adults 25c. Night prices 25, 35, 50 and 75c.

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VOTE OF THANKS

Tendered the Lady Managers of the Hospital Board.

The trustees of the Lima hospital held a meeting Saturday, March 17th. The board of lady managers reported as the result of their year's work, the expenditures for such items as awnings, matting for floors, furnishings, delicacies, work, etc., and the possession of a balance of funds of \$435.00. They have undertaken to paint the building inside and out from the proceeds of the carnival.

The trustees voted a resolution of thanks for their valuable aid and in consideration thereof reappointed the same board for the ensuing year, substituting Mrs. E. Christen for Mrs. C. H. Cole.

The following physicians were appointed on the visiting staff for the second year: Dr. C. P. Collins, Dr. Anna Goebel, Dr. F. L. Bates, Dr. Matthews, Dr. A. Bice, Dr. Terwilliger, Dr. Huntly, Dr. Boyer. In addition the following physicians were appointed as consultants: Drs. D. W. Steiner, E. G. Burton, F. G. Steuber, W. B. Van Note, A. S. Rudy and W. E. Hoyer.

One of the hospital rules is, that no important operation shall be done on a charity patient, without the sanction and presence of one or more of the consulting staff.

"The Noblest Mind

The best contentment has." Yet however noble in mind, no man or woman can have perfect contentment without physical health. The blood must be kept pure and the stomach and digestive organs in good order. The best means for this purpose is Hood's Sarsaparilla. It promptly cures all blood humors and eruptions and tones up the system.

The favorite cathartic is Hood's pills. 25c.

Those Pretty Wash Goods.

Nothing brighter, prettier or better in the way of Cotton Fabrics ever graced our shelves and counters, and the prices are so very reasonable that the purchase of a summer gown or two will not financially cripple anybody. Choice Wash Fabrics at 10c. Choice Wash Fabrics at 12 1/2c. Choice Wash Fabrics at 18c. Choice Wash Fabrics at 25c. G. E. BLUM, 4-tu-th 57 Public Square.

Frame Building for Sale.

Solded bids will be received until 12 o'clock noon of WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22th, 1900, for the old building now used and occupied by the South Side Fire Department. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. C. E. LYNCH, City Clerk. Mar 21, 22, 27 and 28

WANTED.

WANTED—Good girl for general house work in small family. Good wages paid. Apply at once to Mrs. W. L. Farman, 602 west Market street. 4-3t

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. Good wages paid. Enquire at once at 602 west Market street.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Enquire of Mrs. J. B. Vail, 222 west Market street. 6-4t

WANTED—Men—We are now ready to furnish the greatest churn sale. Test made at the Lima Dairy Co. Will furnish territory and sell the churn or sell territory exclusive for your own use. LIMA DAIRY CO. Manager, COL. ROBERT WELLS, Hotel Pattee, Lima, O.

WANTED—Girl for general housework in small family. Call at once at J. E. Bogard's, 322 north Park avenue. 6-5t

WANTED—Clothing. Highest cash price paid for all kinds of men's second-hand clothing. No. 109 east Wayne street. to apply

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Enquire at 705 south Main street. 1f

DO YOU WANT A FENCE?

We have iron and wire fencing for all purposes, at prices that will interest you. For particulars, etc., call at room 2, Collins block, 3rd floor, or ADDRESS, W. ROCKEY, LIMA, OHIO. Box 103.

WALL PAPER

Way down this year and with our 15 days special sale you can buy paper from

3 Cents a Roll

To as high as you care to go. You cannot afford to miss this opportunity. We have the cream of 15 mills and 25 patterns to select from. All new goods and up-to-date colorings. at R. E. OGDENS, 128 S. CENTRAL AVE. Phone 322. 4-4t 1st-thu-sat

GREAT SALE OF SHOES!

Most of our Spring Shoes are here, but to make room for what is yet to come, we shall sell Friday and Saturday only, the following Shoes at prices named. In addition we will give on Friday and Saturday, 10 cents off on every pair of \$1.00 Shoes, 15 cents on \$1.50 Shoes, 20 cents on \$2.00 Shoes, 25 cents on \$2.50 Shoes, &c., &c., if you will cut out and present the coupon attached in this advertisement at our store.

Here are the Reductions:

Women's Warm Felt Lined Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	\$ 1.00
Women's Black and Tan Oxford Ties, worth \$1.00, at.....	65c
Women's Black and Tan Dress Shoes, worth \$1.50 to \$2.00, at.....	1.00
Women's Black Dongola Button Shoes, worth \$3.00 to \$4.00, at.....	1.50
Men's Oil Grain Working Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	95c
Men's Satin Calf Dress Shoes, worth \$1.50, at.....	1.00
Men's Satin Calf "Solid" Shoes, worth \$2.00, at.....	1.50
Men's Heavy Russia Tan and Box Calf Shoes, worth \$3.00, at.....	2.00
Boys' School Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	90c
Boys' Heavy Tan Shoes, worth \$2.50, at.....	1.50
Girls' Dongola Lace Shoes, worth \$1.25, at.....	85c
Children's Shoes, worth 75c, at.....	50c
Infants' Shoes, worth 65c, at.....	45c

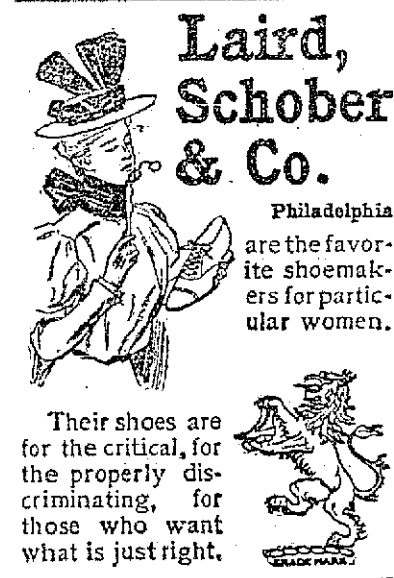
These prices are for Friday and Saturday of this week only.

COUPON—TIMES-DEMOCRAT.

If presented at the The Union on Friday or Saturday of this week, this coupon will entitle the buyer to a cash rebate of 10 per cent on every pair of Shoes, regardless of low price advertised. BRING THIS COUPON.



What is Your Favorite Shoe?



You can find all the new Spring Styles of 1900 at GOODING'S. Come and select the style you want.

It's Quite a Satisfaction

To be able to buy reliable, perfect fitting, stylish and comfortable SHOES. We sell such Shoes. You will be surprised to find our prices lower than many dealers are asking for old shop-worn goods. Good SHOES and LOW PRICES do the business at

GOODING'S, 230 NORTH MAIN STREET.

Mayor's Proclamation.

In compliance with the requirements of the laws of the State of Ohio, I, H. S. Prophet, Mayor of the City of Lima, Ohio, hereby notify the qualified voters of said Municipality, to appear at the polls on the Second day of April, 1900, between the hours of 6:30 a. m. and 5:30 p. m., at the various voting places within said corporation an election will be held for the purpose of choosing the following officers for said corporation, to-wit:

One Mayor.
One City Solicitor.
One Surveyor.
One Water Works Trustee, Long Term.
One Water Works Trustee, Short Term.
One Street Commissioner.
One Constable.
One Member of Council from each Ward.
One Member of the Board of Education from each Ward.
One Assessor from each Ward.
Given under my hand and official seal, at my office in said corporation, this 21st day of March, 1900. H. S. PROPHET, Mayor.

OPERA HOUSE

Thursday, March 22.

FRANCIS WILSON

and his great company in a four-act production of the comic opera classic

"ERMINIE."

The company includes: Francis Wilson, Lulu Glover, Jennie Weatherly, Josephine Knapp, A. M. Halbrook, Peter Fong and 50 others. Reserved seats on sale Tuesday at Melville's. Prices—25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

A STRICKEN HOME

is the one where dysentery, and fevers are raging, caused by defective plumbing or bad drainage. Doctors visits would be less frequent if you would call a plumber in that understands his business, and have your plumbing examined. Sanitary plumbing is our specialty, and we are the great preventers of disease. We also do all kinds of steam and gas fitting.

J. M. McVEY,

119 E. High St., Lima.

FOR THE LENTEN SEASON

We have a delicious and appetizing stock of canned salmon, French sardines, potted chicken and turkey, that are selected from the choicest in the market. Our salted macerals are a-l, fat, white and appetizing. Our fine cream cod-fish is the best. We have also California dried fruit, such as prunes, peaches, raisins, grapes at the lowest prices.

JAMES S. SMITH,

Box 11 PHONES 127. GROCER



Not Yet Entirely Germanized. Even at this late day a number of the men of Alsace and Lorraine oppose service in the German army. In the thirty-nine districts of Metz 89 persons on Jan. 1 were before the court on this account.

Parley Neutralizes Onion Odor. Parley should always garnish a dish containing onions, as it takes away the odor most people object to. It even prevents the "after" taste if eaten by the individual who loves onions and must have them.

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The methods employed by a Department Store result in giving lower prices and more up-to-date goods than other stores, owing to the rigid system employed in the watching of details, as well as to the quantity of goods purchased.

The Busy Store's Thursday Evening Talk

We will make this a bigger, greater and better store through making low prices—carrying good assortments, cheerfully refunding money or exchanging goods if purchases are not satisfactory—having polite and careful salespeople, good delivery system—and being ever mindful of our patrons' interests.

We are preparing for one of the grandest Millinery Openings Lima has ever seen.

Lace and Embroidery Department.



You will relish the show of new embroideries all the more when you know the prices, consequently we invite your attention to the prettiest, newest and daintiest pattern in nainsook, and Swiss sets, skirtings, and all others—they are incomparable.

We show all the new and striking lace effects for evening wear: the newest and latest novelties in nainsook and Swiss allovers; lace combinations of puffings, shirrings, and tuckings; also edges and insertions, the newest thing for waist trimming.

A line of beautiful laces in Valenciennes, Point de Paris, Renaissance Allovers, Normandy, Point Venise, Irish Point, and black Valenciennes lace and insertion.

Silk Stripe Challies.

The new 1900 effects, the choicest spring combinations, the latest Dresdens and Persians, for handsome tea gowns, house dresses and evening wear, in all the latest spring shades, for 25 cents.

French Organdies.

Exquisite French organdies, the sheerest, thinest, and finest fabrics at a small value. They are

this season's goods and in the proper printings—florals, Dresdens, foulards, figures and stripes—correct for well evening and party costumes, at from 25 to 60 cents.

Linen Department.

Linen is prehistoric. There is no record of the time when it wasn't used. Flax must have been grown and pulled, and steeped and scutched on the banks of the Nile more than 4000 years ago. What a splendid tribute to its worth. Not merely the fact that linen cloth is so impervious to decay that it lives for centuries, but that through all the ages it has held its place in the homes of the world and in the lives of its people.

Yet the demand for linen never varies. It is, in a way, a luxury, and like all luxuries, reflects and is dependent upon the general prosperity of the people.

One of the first evidences of the return of good times is the appearance of linen and the disappearance of the oil cloth table cover in the modest homes.

Most nations are prosperous now and the demand for linen is enormous.

One word more—important. Linen at this store means linen. We don't sell part cotton for linen, and never shall.

Damask, extra fine, 72 inches wide, 89 cents per yard.

Napkins from 50 cents per dozen up. Towels, good quality, for 10, 15 and 25 cents.

Curtain Department.



Our prices clearly demonstrate beyond any possible doubt that we are offering greater bargains and showing more attractive lines in Lace Curtains, Draperies, and Portieres that can be found elsewhere.

Avail yourselves of these extraordinary inducements, as we are quoting prices now on hundreds of special lots which it will be impossible to duplicate later on.

A full line of Nottingham Lace Curtains from 40 cents per pair up to \$6.00.

Net Curtains with Battenberg insertion and ruffle for \$5.00.

Net Curtains, extra fine quality, for \$8.00.

Swiss Curtains from 75 cents up to \$1.50.

Draperies.

Curtain Net, real Point D'esprit, for 40 cents per yard.

Drapery Net, ruffled edge, 36 inches wide, for 45 cents per yard.

A nice line of Silkolene in all colors and figures from 9 cents up.

Goebeln Art Drapery, 36 inches wide, for 9 cents per yard.

Fancy Denims, just the thing for cushion tops, for 18 cents per yard.

Bagdad Portieres at \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Derby Portieres at \$9.00.

A small line of Chenille Portieres at \$2.50.

Domestics.

Ginghams—It's the best year we could have had for them—a regular gingham year. Nobody shakes her head at gingham—everybody is buying whole dresses of it.

The gingham is perfect. The white is as clear as white can be and the colors as pure. The cotton is fine and costlier than gets into coarser gingham. The yarns are finer spun and woven—that you can see with half an eye.

French Gingham—wonderfully good range of color and designs for 25 cents per yard.

American Gingham—both plaid and fancy weaves and styles almost as varied as the French, for 10 cents per yard.

Apron Gingham, 6 and 8 cent quality, for 5 cents per yard.

American Madras, remarkably fine and attractive, suitable for whole dresses as well as shirt waists, for 12½ cents per yard.

Imported Scotch Zephyrs in all the desirable little checks so much sought for for children.

A select line of Percales at 12½ cents per yard.

Notion Department.

We have what the manufacturers call golf, finger, or rainy day purse. It is very essential for ladies when shopping, as the dress can be lifted and the purse held with the same hand.

They are made of pig skin, seal, and alligator, and can be supplied with initials, either in silver or gilt, price 25 and 50 cents.

We also have a full line of the favorite Boston Scalloped Bag, prices ranging from 25 cents up to \$2.48.

Also a beautiful line of handkerchief purses for 50 cents.

Ribbons.

Surprisingly small prices on Ribbons that are probably just the kind you are wanting. Bargains such as we like to offer—goods that are in demand, and would sell readily at higher prices.

The growing popularity of this department gives evidence of The Busy Store's unusual values.

Flamboyant Ribbon in heliotrope, coral, blue, automobile, and all the new pastel shades for 25 cents per yard.

Corded Ribbons in plaid and all the fancy colors 33 cents.

A nice line of plain Taffetas, in every conceivable shade, for 25 cents per yard.

A large line of narrow widths, in plaid and colors, suitable for children's hair ribbons, for 12½ cents.

Irish DIMITIES.

100 pieces of the newest 1900 Belfast Dimities. Designs never before shown or seen in this market. Pretty stripes, dainty flowers, handsome foulards, neat figures, and polka dots, in charming colors.

SPECIAL.

Tomorrow we will offer 500 yards Striped Duck for Suits, made to sell at 12½ cents, for 5 cents per yard.

500 yards Sateen, 36 inches wide, made to sell at 15 and 25 cents, for 7 cents per yard.

THE METELLUS THOMSON DRY GOODS CO.

POISON

Was Eaten by the Guests

Who Attended the Missionary Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

Doctors of the Opinion That It Was Confining to the Best Salad—Several Had Narrow Escapes.

Nearly every physician in the city had a patient on his hands yesterday afternoon, a score are more of those who attended the missionary meeting of the Methodist Church, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McComb, having partaken of some eatable, in which there was a trace of poison. There was an anxious time of it for a couple of hours, and in several instances the patients were unable to secure medical aid, for the simple reason that demands for attendance came from so many different quarters, that the later calls could not be responded to.

Of the number afflicted several were found in an alarming condition and came very near dying. Probably the most serious of the cases reported were Miss Minnie Crossley, of west Market street, Mrs. Fred D. Louthan, of north West street, and Mrs. George Ireland, of North and Pine streets. Miss Crossley was unable to get home and was taken to the home of Capt. Louthan, where Dr. Yahey brought her through the ordeal after hard work. Both Miss Crossley and Mrs. Louthan are now out of danger, but still invalid. Mrs. Ireland's life was despaired of yesterday evening and Dr. Munro used heroic efforts to counteract the effects of the poison.

Rev. Whitlock, pastor of Trinity church and his wife were both ill. The former attended the services at the church last night, but was able to remain but a few minutes. Of the others who showed symptoms of the poisoning, all have passed the danger point and the unusual episode has happily passed without any fatalities. It is the opinion of several of the physicians who were called in attendance, that the poisoning was occasioned by some foreign substance which

entered into a beet salad with mayonnaise dressing. Some attribute it to canned beans, but investigation proves that those who ate mostly of the salad were the ones who were the greatest sufferers.

BEN POWELL,

A Well Known Colored Character, Dies Suddenly.

Heart Failure Produced by Excessive Indulgence in Liquor, the Cause of Death.

Ben Powell, a well known colored character, was found in a dying condition on west Spring last evening and before medical assistance reached him he was dead. Death resulted from heart failure produced by excessive indulgence in liquor.

Powell suffered an attack of delirium tremens early Sunday morning and was locked up for safe keeping at the police station. Monday he was delivered into the care of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington, also colored, who took him to their home on west Elm street, where he remained until about 8 o'clock last evening, but his condition did not improve. He managed to get away from the house at the hour mentioned and had just reached Spring street near the intersection of McDowell when he fell upon the pavement. He was found by Elmer Boyd, but before a physician could be summoned he died. The remains were removed to Grosjean's morgue and the deceased's relatives, living at McCartyville, Shelby county, were notified. A half brother of Powell's will arrive here tonight to take charge of the remains.

The deceased was about 35 years of age and had been about this city, serving as porter in various saloons, for about fifteen years.

THE WEATHER.

Ohio—Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight. Friday cloudy, probably rain in south.

"Safe blind, safe find." Fortify yourself by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla now and be sure of good health for months to come.

PLENTY

Of Money for Leases.

Men With Capital Looking a Chance Opening.

Big Well On the Jap Cochran Has Caused a Demand for Territory and Leases Come High.

Hoover Bros., Kerr, Closser & Van Cleave are shooting a well on the Wessemier farm, near Hume today.

Boyer No. 1 is in the sand and Cook, Beller & Dulzell are starting No. 7. The Ohio Oil Co. are the owners of this territory.

Chas. Lindeman, Sam Finch and others are starting their Beese No. 2 today. No. 1 was just put to pumping last evening and the exact run cannot be given, but to say the least she is a good one.

Wm. Warmcastle, of Toledo, is in the city. Mr. Warmcastle is a torpedo man.

Cyrus D. Angell is in the city looking after something good in the oil line. He is quartered in room 111 at the Lima House. He hails from Pittsburg.

Ed Guy is at the Lima House and has his eyes wide open for bargains in the oil line.

Hank Koons, James Todd, Gid Bartholomew and James Stires left for Peru, Ind., today, at which place they will do some contracting. The boys have several large contracts and interested in some of the wells.

O. J. Jackson, of Auburn, N. Y., is at the Lima House. Mr. Jackson is an oil man and will listen to anything good.

Thos. W. Gleason and Wm. Citerly of Buffalo, N. Y., are in the city awaiting a chance to do something in the oil line. H. B. Green, of Buffalo, is also here and would do almost anything to get hold of some good territory.

Attorney W. W. Campbell, of Gibsonburg, is in the city renewing acquaintances with the old Gibson fel-

lows who are doing business in the Lima field.

King & Co. are putting in timber for A. H. Marshall No. 1, Section 17, Richland township. A rig is also being pulled in for Howell No. 1, same township.

During the absence of Mart Muller Jake Mahew will have charge of the Findlay sucker rod business in this city.

King & Co. are 800 feet down on the John Marshall in Richland township.

The Sunderland & Zimmerman well on the Jap Cochran, is the best thing in this part of the Oil field. She looks good for at least 150 barrels and is causing no end of excitement in that community.

All kind of money is being paid for leases and the farmers are wondering just what to do. Lou Fry joins the Cochran on the north and owns 120 acres of land, for which \$1,000 was paid for the lease yesterday and others are going as high.

J. J. Robinson is in the city, he leaves today for Flemingsburgh, Kentucky, at which place he is drilling a well for Roth, Argue & Co. and other parties. Mr. Robinson is well known in Lima and the boys were glad to meet him.

The Stoner Oil Co. have their Stoner No. 1 in the sand, and showing nicely. Mart Muller is in Spencerville today, looking after the Cordage business.

SARAH DESENBERG,

Youngest Daughter of Samuel East Died Yesterday.

Deceased Leaves Three Children. One a Babe Two Weeks Old—Funeral to Occur Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Princess Desenberg, wife of Henry Desenberg, of German township, died at their home near East Town at 11:10 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 30 years and five months. She is survived by her husband, one son aged 9 years, a daughter 6 years of age and a babe only two weeks old.

Mrs. Desenberg was born in German township and was the youngest

Have You Heard the News

That is going around? Everybody that meets talks about those Stylish Spring Suits which are now being sold by THE UNION. Nobby Worsteds in checks and stripes, made up in single or double Breasted Coats with single or double Breasted Vests, as you may desire; the Vests made with and without collars. They are the product of that famous tailoring concern—MICHAEL'S, STERN & CO., of Rochester, N. Y., and are equal to custom-made in all but price. A few samples are displayed in our windows. More than two-hundred styles for your selection in our store.

Top-Coats and Spring Overcoats

In all the new shades and properly tailored. The M., S. & Co. trademark on each Coat is a guarantee for correct style and fit. Prices \$8 to \$20 for garments worth \$25 to \$40 at your merchant tailors.

"When You Buy Your Clothes at The Union They Are Right."

THE UNION,

CLOTHING AND SHOE CO.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel East. The funeral services will be held Sunday, the cortege leaving the residence at 9 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. M. Miller at the Radical U. B. church in Elida.

A Special Meeting at Grace M. E. Church

Is called for tonight—a very important meeting of membership friends. Everybody urged to come—7 to 8:30 o'clock. Strangers welcome.

Choir meeting, Friday night at 7:30 o'clock sharp.

Next Sabbath is to be a special day in Grace M. E. Church. Come with friends.

HAPPILY WEDDED.

Wednesday evening at Grace M. E. Parsonage, Lima, Ohio, March 21, 1900, by Rev. W. H. Leatherman were happily wedded, Mr. Calvin N. Biteman and Miss Muggle Fank, of Wheatfield, Indiana. Mr. Biteman is City Clerk at Lafayette this county, and is well known in Lima. His bride is also formerly of this county, having moved from Harrod, O. to Indiana. The happy young folks will live in Lafayette.

Will Trade

One 6-room house, with 198 feet frontage on west north street, paying paid in full, for a house with all modern improvements in west end. Address P. O. box 326, Lima, O.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24.

Bargain Matinee 2:15 p. m.

HI. HENRY'S
GREATER
IMPROVED
MINSTRELS

POSITIVELY
The Most Original Novel and Most Expensive of its Class.
ALL WHITE STARS!
50
Special Bargain Matinee Prices Adults 25c, Children 15c, Night—25, 50 and 75 cents.